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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department - Formation of road in Lingamparthy Reserve Forest in Compt. No.587 from Konda Timmapuram to China Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal – Illegal transportation of Laterite – Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & A.P. Forest Act, 1967 – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram** – Articles of Charges – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.3 **Dated:03.01.2024.**

Read the following:

1)From the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR-1/2016), dated 21.12.2018.
2)Memo.No.119/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 29.12.2023.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is informed that he is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is informed that the inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the time specified in Para-3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

6. Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, is informed that under Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it

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will be presumed that Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram through the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District.

Copy to:

The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District. (He is requested to serve the order on the individual, obtain his dated acknowledgment on the duplicate copy and resubmit the same to Government for record)
SF/SC (Computer No.1455666).

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST DR. S.V. RAMANA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

That, Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, while working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, the following irregularities have taken place in respect of Mining Lease held by Smt. Kude Lakshmi for Laterite in Vanthada village, Prathipadu Mandal, East Godavari District in Sy.No.7/1, 7/2,10/p, 12/p, 16 & 17/p over an extent of 10.417 Hectares.

Charge-I:

Failed to submit the details in the new checklist as per the circular orders No.32290/R2-1/2008, dated 22.06.2013 while submitting the Revised Proposals for grant of mining lease on 22.10.2013 in which he ignored:-

a) NOC from forest Department Officials as per G.O.Ms.No.2, Revenue (Assignments) Department, dated.02.01.2013 as per item 22 of the new Check List.

b) Financial statements of the Mining lease holder as per item 11 (C) of the new checklist.

Thus, Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, the then Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion of duty and conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1)(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST DR. S.V. RAMANA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM.

Dr. S.V. Ramana Rao, while working as Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Rajamahendravaram, the following irregularities have taken place in respect of Mining Lease held by Smt. Kude Lakshmi for Laterite in Vanthada village, Prathipadu Mandal, East Godavari District In Sy.No.7/1, 7/2,10/p, 12/p, 16 & 17/p over an extent of 10.417 Hectares.

i) Dr.S.V. Ramana Rao submitted the sketches of the mining lease area duly signed by himself, the Tahsildar, Prathipadu and Mandal Surveyor as desired by the Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad vide his Memo. No.32290/R2-1/2008, dated 22.06.2013, but failed to submit the revised proposals in the new checklist circulation orders of the Government as per the latest guidelines duly obtaining the NOC in terms of G.O.Ms.No.2, Revenue (Assignments) Department, dated 02.01.2013.

Thus, the Government Servant by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion of duty and conduct unbecoming of a government servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1)(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST DR. S.V. RAMANA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1) Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NRI/2016), dated 21.12.2018.

2) G.O.Ms. No.2, Revenue (Assignments) Department, dated 02.01.2013.

3)Director of Mines & Geology, Memo.No.32290/R2-1/2008, dated 22.06.2013.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST DR. S.V. RAMANA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Sri Lingaraj Banakar, Complainant, PragathiSamaj, Dalakasoti Village.
2) Officials of the Vigilance and Enforcement Department.

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